

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified patent application.

Listing of claims

1. (Currently Amended) An accessory device that can be removably attached to a button of a hat, comprising:
 - a) ~~an attaching unit~~ ~~base with an opening that extends at least partially through the base, wherein the opening is sized so as to extend axially over and frictionally engage the button; and~~ including:
 - a base unit having a bottom plate including a slot recessed from a periphery of the bottom plate, the bottom plate slidable underneath the button, and a lower latching structure protruding from the bottom plate; and
 - a snap-on unit having an upper latching structure on the interior surface of a periphery of the snap-on unit for engagement with the lower latching structure of the bottom plate and
 - b) a display object attached to the snap-on unit of the base unit.
2. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 1, wherein ~~the opening is a round aperture~~ slot of the bottom plate extends along a length shorter than a diameter of the bottom plate.
3. (Withdrawn) The device of Claim 2, wherein the diameter of the aperture is smaller than the diameter of the button.
4. (Withdrawn) The device of Claim 2, wherein the diameter of the aperture measures approximately between 1/2 and 5/8 inches.
5. (Original) The device of Claim 1, wherein the device is formed via injection molding processes.
6. (Original) The device of Claim 1, wherein the display object is a figurine.
7. (Withdrawn) The device of Claim 1, wherein the opening is a square aperture.
8. (Withdrawn) The device of Claim 1, wherein the opening is a round aperture.

9. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 1, wherein the base unit and the ~~display snap-on unit~~ are integrally formed.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~An accessory device that can be removably attached to a button of a hat, comprising~~The device of claim 1:

~~an attaching unit for releasably attaching to a hat; and~~

~~a display object to be snapped on the base unit.~~

wherein an upper surface of the snap-on unit further comprises a flange along the periphery of the snap-on unit.

11. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 1, ~~wherein the attaching unit comprises:~~further comprising

~~a base unit having a bottom plate slidable underneath the button, and a lower latching structure protruding from the bottom plate;~~

~~a snap-on unit having an upper latching structure at an interior surface thereof for engaging with the lower latching structure, and a snap-on structure at an exterior surface thereof for attaching the display object thereto; and~~

~~a foldable bar connecting the base unit and the attaching snap-on unit as a hinge.~~

12. (Original) The device of Claim 11, wherein the base unit, the snap-on unit and the foldable bar are integrally formed.

13. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim ~~11~~1, wherein the periphery of the base unit is smaller than the periphery of the snap-on unit.

14. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 10, wherein the display object ~~comprises~~includes a bottom rim ~~mating~~ configured to engageably mate with the flange of the snap-on structure~~unit~~.

15. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim ~~10~~1, wherein the bottom plate ~~includes a slot recessed from a periphery thereof, and the~~ wherein the lower latching structure includes an opening aligned ~~over~~ with the slot.

16. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim ~~14~~15, wherein the snap-on unit further comprises a lid aligned with the opening when the upper latching structure is engaged with the lower latching structure.

17. (Withdrawn) The device of Claim 1, wherein:
the attaching unit comprises a top frame, a plurality of snap-on arms extending downwardly from the edge of the top frame, and the bottom of each arm is contracted and slanted inwardly; and
the display object includes a lower hollow portion defining a bottom rim, the rim includes a flexibly latching structure at an interior side thereof for engaging with the snap-on arms.
18. (Withdrawn) The device of Claim 16, wherein the bottoms of the arms form a set of gripping clips.
19. (Withdrawn) The device of Claim 16, wherein the hollow portion has a depth no smaller than the height of the base.
20. (Withdrawn) An accessory device that can be removably attached to a button of a hat, comprising:
a first part including a first side surface defining a first edge, and a first bottom surface, the bottom surface including a first notch;
a second part including a second side surface defining a second edge conformal to the first edge, and a second bottom surface, the bottom surface including a second notch; wherein
the first and second notches define a slot when the first and second parts are joined together with the first edge aligned with the second edge, the slot has a diameter smaller than the button.
21. (Withdrawn) The device of Claim 19, wherein the first part and the second part are connected to each other at a hinge point, about which the first part and second part can be folded to join each other, or unfolded open.
22. (Withdrawn) The device of Claim 21, wherein the first part and the second part are resiliently connected to each other at the hinge point.
23. (Withdrawn) The device of Claim 19, wherein the first and second parts comprise at least a pair of latching devices along the first and second edges thereof.

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24. (Withdrawn) The device of Claim 19, wherein the first and second parts comprises at least a pair of latching devices for connecting the first and second bottom surfaces.